

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 6, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. In response, the abstract and claims 1, 12, 13, and 16 have been amended above, whereby claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. Applicants note with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that the drawings filed on January 21, 2004 have been accepted. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

I. ABSTRACT

The Abstract was objected to for including the phraseology "means". A substitute abstract has been provided in the amendment above, by which this phrase has been deleted in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion without addition of new matter, whereby the objection is believed to have been addressed.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 16, and 17 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Joong 6,134,433. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these claim rejections is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

The application discloses wireless networks and methods for forwarding fax calls to a mobile fax, in which the subscriber's mobile fax directory number (DN) is associated with the subscriber's primary mobile directory number. Incoming calls to the primary mobile number are scrutinized to determine the call type. If the call is a fax call, it is forwarded to the subscriber's mobile fax. Moreover, if the incoming call is not a fax call, it is connected to the subscriber's primary mobile directory. Method claims 1 and 2 involve the steps of associating the subscriber's mobile fax directory number with the subscriber's primary mobile directory number, and determining that the incoming call is a fax call. Amended independent claim 1, moreover, includes forwarding incoming fax calls to the subscriber's mobile fax directory number, and connecting non-fax calls to the subscriber's primary mobile directory. Claims 16 and 17, as amended above, provide wireless networks comprising means for associating the subscriber's mobile fax directory number with the subscriber's primary mobile directory number, means for determining whether the incoming call is a fax call, and means for forwarding the incoming fax calls to the subscriber's mobile fax directory number and for connecting non-fax incoming calls to the subscriber's primary mobile directory number.

Thus, ***non-fax calls are not forwarded in the methods and networks of claims 1, 2, 16, and 17, but instead non-fax incoming calls to the subscriber's primary mobile directory number are connected to the subscriber's primary mobile directory number.*** In contrast, Joong describes a forwarding system in a radio telecommunications network that *forwards* voice calls to a first transfer number and *forwards* data calls to a second transfer number. Joong, therefore, forwards both data and non-data calls. Consequently, ***Joong fails to teach or suggest methods or system in which non-fax incoming calls to the subscriber's primary mobile directory number are connected to the subscriber's primary mobile directory number.*** Applicants therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 2, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 3-15 and 18-20 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 3-15 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in view of Joong 6,134,433 in combination with one or more of Henrick 6,151,137, Denker 6,404,513, Sladek 6,718,178, and Christensen 6,188,758. As discussed above, the methods of independent claim 1 provide for forwarding incoming fax calls to the subscriber's mobile fax directory number, and connecting non-fax calls to the subscriber's primary mobile directory. Independent claim 12 provides a method including determining whether an incoming call is a fax call, forwarding incoming fax call to the subscriber's mobile fax directory number and connecting non-fax incoming calls to the subscriber's primary mobile directory. Independent claim 16 recites a wireless network including means for forwarding the incoming call to the subscriber's mobile fax directory number if the incoming call is a fax call, and connecting the incoming call to the subscriber's primary mobile directory number if the incoming call is not a fax call. These features of rejected claims 3-15 and 18-20 are neither taught nor suggested by Joong, and do not appear to be taught or suggested by Henrick, Denker, Sladek, or Christensen, whereby Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections thereof under 35 U.S.C. §103.

As discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 16, ***Joong fails to teach or suggest determining whether incoming calls to a subscriber's primary mobile directory number are fax calls and selectively forwarding fax calls to the subscriber's mobile fax, with non-fax calls being connected to the subscriber's primary mobile directory.*** Likewise, the secondary references to Henrick, Denker,

Sladek, and Christensen do not appear to teach or suggest these features of claims 3-15 and 18-20, whereby the proposed combinations do not result in the inventions of the pending claims. In this regard, Henrick appears to be directed to providing status information to an originating facsimile machine, and does not appear to relate to selectively forwarding incoming fax calls to a subscriber's mobile fax directory number as set forth in the claims. Denker involves fax forwarding services using a job ID with the fax forwarding service providing a status report to a sender listing the job ID and a success indication, but appears silent with respect to forwarding incoming fax calls to a subscriber's mobile fax directory number with non-fax calls being connected to the subscriber's primary mobile directory. Sladek relates to automatic messaging systems in a telecommunications network, in which a call processing entity recognizes a call-processing event and responsively generates and sends an informational message to a specified destination. However, Sladek also appears silent with respect to the above mentioned deficiencies of the primary reference Joong. Christenson is directed to methods and apparatus for manually routing incoming calls, in which an incoming call is automatically directed to one telephone, from which the subscriber may select to direct the call to a fax machine, or an answering service. Christenson, like the other secondary references to Henrick, Denker, and Sladek, appears silent regarding forwarding incoming fax calls to a subscriber's mobile fax directory number and connecting non-fax calls to the subscriber's primary mobile directory number as set forth in the pending claims. Thus, the proposed combinations of Joong 6,134,433 with Henrick, Denker,, Sladek , and Christensen do not obviate the claims as amended above, and Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections of claims 3-15 and 18-20 for at least this reason under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Moreover, there is no motivation, suggestion, or reasonable expectation of success in attempting modification of Joong or combination thereof with other references to provide these features of the pending claims, since this would appear to render Joong unsuitable for it's intended purpose of *forwarding* non-data calls. Thus, for this additional reason, the above amendment is believed to have rendered claims 3-15 and 18-20 patentably distinct from the proposed combinations of Joong with Henrick, Denker, Sladek, or Christensen, whereby reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections thereof under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

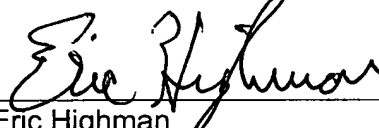
In response to the Office Action, the abstract and claims 1, 12, 13, and 16 have been amended. For at least the above reasons, the currently pending claims 1-20 are believed to be in condition for allowance and notice thereof is requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 06-0308, LUTZ200283.

Respectfully submitted,

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